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MARCH 13 EDITION WEEKLY RADIO NEWS ROUND-UP QUOTE CAMEROON
REPORT UNQUOTE HAD MIXED REACTIONS TO AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT:
EDITORIALIST CALLED ARAB AID COMMITMENTS QUOTE AND INVALUABLE
AID TO THE FRAGILE ECONOMIES OF AFRICAN STATES .. UNQUOTE,
ADDING THAT QUOTE.. THE MONEY WILL ... ACT AS A STRONG CHECK TO
THE IMPERIALIST-COLONIALIST AID WITH LONG STRINGS ATTACHED...
UNQUOTE.

POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CONFERENCE IS SEEN AS CONCRETIZATION
OF AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY. QUOTE THE STRENGTH OF THE MEETING
LIES IN THE VISION OF THE WORLD LEADERS IN CONSTITUTING
THEMSELVES IN A COUNTER-BODY THAT CAN CHECKMATE
THE DESIGNS OF IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS.. UNQUOTE.
EDITORIALIST ADDS TWO CAVEATS, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONFERENCE
QUOTE COULD TRANSFER THE RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS OF THE ARAB
WORLD INTO AFRICA UNQUOTE, AND QUOTE NOTWITHSTANDING,
EVERY AID CARRIES WITH IT A COMPLEX OF SUPERIORITY.
HISTORY ILLUSTRATES THIS. HISTORY TOO ILLUSTRATES..
THAT AFRICANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE ONES RECEIVING FROM THE
ARABS, A POSSIBLE REASON FOR THEIR CONSTANT CONTEMPT
TOWARDS AFRICANS.. UNQUOTE.

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EDITORIALIST EXPRESSES FEAR THAT AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE
OF AID MIGHT BE A SELL- OUT TO ARAB INFLUENCE: UNQUOTE IT
MIGHT NOT ONLY DEVIDE THE CONTINENT BUT IT COULD ALSO
SEFVE AS A LAST STRAIN IN BREAKING THE WOBBLING O.A.U.
WHATEVER ITS OUTCOME.. THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE HELPED
STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL STATES AND WILL
ALSO HAVE SHOWN THAT LEADERS OF THE THIRD WORLD HAVE

REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATING AMONG THMSELVES
UNQUOTE.
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